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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims in the application have been amended to correct the dependency of claim 7 to refer to claim 6 and to explicitly withdraw claims 1, 3-4, and 10-20.

The abstract has been replaced with a new abstract.

Claims 2, 5 through 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jarzmk (CA2,308,945 published November 18, 2001).

The present application is a continuation in part of application 09/573,386 filed May 18, 2000. The claims as presently defined are all supported by the disclosure of the original application, and as such, these claims have an effective filing date prior to the cited reference.

In view of the effective filing date of the present application, withdrawal of the objections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) is requested.

In view of the above, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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